

GIANT FOREST ROUTE (green): Free. Giant Forest Museum to Sherman Tree to Lodgepole. Every 15 minutes. First bus 9am, last bus 6pm. ½-hour ride one way. Ask about the 7:30am hiker shuttle from Lodgepole to Wolverton and Crescent Meadow, and the 6:30pm pickup at Wolverton bound for Lodgepole. Last day of service 9/25.

- Giant Forest Museum / Transfer Point
- Sherman Tree wheelchair-accessible trail Parking with disabled-placard only.
- Sherman Tree - Main Trail & Parking. Park here to walk down to tree.
- Lodgepole Visitor Center , Lodgepole Campground (2 stops)

MORO ROCK/ CRESCENT MEADOW ROUTE (gray): Free. Leaves Giant Forest Museum every 15 minutes; stops at Moro Rock only on the outbound trip. First bus 9am, last bus 6pm. 15-minute ride one way. On weekends & holidays, this road is closed to private vehicles without handicapped placards. Park at any shuttle stop and ride a bus. On holidays (9/3-5), you can also park at Wolverton; the shuttle will stop there regularly. Last day of service 9/25.

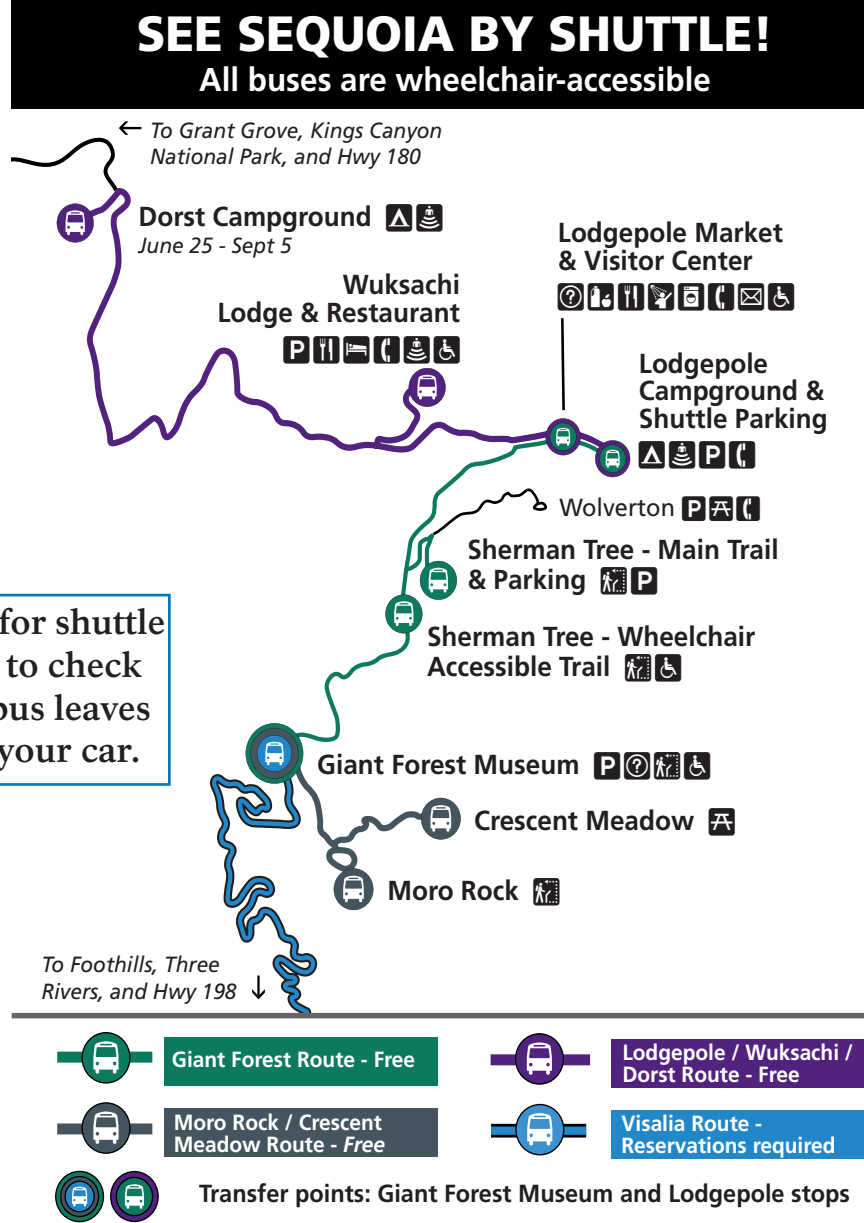
- Giant Forest Museum
- Moro Rock - See description below.
- Crescent Meadow- See description below.

See bulletin boards for shuttle schedules. Be sure to check what time the last bus leaves to get you back to your car.

LODGEPOLE/ WUKSACHI/ DORST ROUTE (blue): Free. Every ½ hour through 9/25. First bus 9am, last bus 5:30pm. Last day of Dorst section of route 9/7.

- Lodgepole Visitor Center & Market , Lodgepole Campground (3 stops)
- Wuksachi Restaurant & Lodge
- Through 9/7 - Dorst Creek Campground (3 stops)

GIANT FOREST TO VISALIA ROUTE: \$15 round trip. No additional park entrance fee. Reservations required; call 1-877-BUS-HIKE or www.sequoiashuttle.com. Two-hour ride each way. Buses leave Visalia for Giant Forest at 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10am. Buses leave Giant Forest for Visalia every hour starting 2:30pm through 6:30pm. Last day 9/25.



GIANT FOREST

Review safety advice on page 5. You are on your own; travel safely. Use the shuttle for exploring!

GIANT FOREST MUSEUM

The best place to learn about sequoias! Shuttle stop.

BIG TREES TRAIL

A paved, level, 2/3-mile (1 km) loop. Trail-side panels describing sequoia ecology. Start at Giant Forest Museum (parking at the trail is only for cars with placards.) 1 hour round trip.

GENERAL SHERMAN TREE:

Two trails go to the world's largest tree. The shuttle stops at the beginning of each one:

- **Main Sherman Tree Trail & Parking:** Trail runs 1/2 mile down to the tree; it has some stairs. It is an uphill walk back to your car. Drive 2 miles (3.2 km) north of Giant Forest Museum

(past the small Sherman Tree parking lot only for those with *disabled* placards) to Wolverton Road. Turn right, then follow signs. If you can walk down but the walk back up is too difficult, you can continue from the tree down the accessible trail to the shuttle stop on the Generals Highway, and ride the *north-bound* shuttle (toward Lodgepole) back to your car.

- **Wheelchair-accessible trail from Generals Highway to Sherman Tree** - parking here is for those with *disabled* placards only. If you have no placard but can't make the walk down the main trail, ask at any visitor center for a temporary permit or take the shuttle to this location.

CONGRESS TRAIL: A fairly level 2-mile loop (3.2 km) from the Sherman Tree into the grove.

MORO ROCK/ CRESCENT MEADOW

Read shuttle information above.

No drinking water is available on this 3-mile, dead-end roads starting at Giant Forest Museum. During that time, single vehicles more than 22 feet long and those towing anything are prohibited, except those displaying valid disabled-parking placards. Road is closed to all vehicles without placards on weekends & holidays. Highlights:

MORO ROCK: A granite dome with a steep 1/4-mile (.4 km) staircase to the summit (300 foot /91 m elevation gain) and a spectacular view. Two miles (3.2 km) from the Generals Highway. Shuttle stop.

TUNNEL LOG: A fallen sequoia that was tunneled through; the only "tree you can drive through" in these parks. There is a by-pass for larger vehicles. 2.7 miles (4.3 km) from the Museum.

CRESCENT MEADOW: A meadow of summer flowers. Use only fallen logs to walk into meadows. Try the 1-mile (1.6 km) route to Tharp's Log, a cabin in a fallen sequoia, or the High Sierra Trail (71 miles/114 km to Mt. Whitney, 14,494 feet /4417 m). Shuttle stop.

NEARBY TRAILS

TOKOPAH FALLS: 1.7 miles (2.7 km) along a river, ending at cliffs & a waterfall. Be careful by the water! Start in Lodgepole Campground (a shuttle stop). For the 500-foot/152-meter elevation gain, allow 2-1/2 to 3 hours.

THE FOOTHILLS

The low elevations host more different plants and animals than the rest of the parks. Watch for ticks and poison oak.

HOSPITAL ROCK PICNIC AREA:

Exhibits about the Western Mono people who once lived here and a very short trail built by the Civilian Conservation Corps leads to a cascade. Careful; drownings often occur here! Always store food from bears.

MARBLE FALLS TRAIL climbs 3.7 miles (6 km) to a waterfall. Park across the main road from Potwisha (no non-camper parking in campground). From the trailhead near site #14, follow the dirt road across the concrete ditch; the trail starts along the steep bank to the right.

PARADISE CREEK: At Buckeye Flat Campground, take the path across from site #28 across the footbridge over the Middle Fork. Follow Paradise Creek (not the Middle Fork) for 1-1/2 miles (1.6 km) until the trail grows faint.

MINERAL KING

See page 8 for information.